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An appellate court may adopt all or part of a lower court's opinion as its own.<sup>4</sup>

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### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Miss.—[Robertson v. Mississippi Valley Co.](#), 120 Miss. 159, 81 So. 799 (1919).

Neb.—[Reams v. Clopine](#), 121 Neb. 86, 236 N.W. 158 (1931).

W. Va.—[Robertson v. Vandergrift](#), 119 W. Va. 219, 193 S.E. 62 (1937).

#### **As distinguished from the judgment**

Wash.—[In re Recall of West](#), 156 Wash. 2d 244, 126 P.3d 798 (2006).

<sup>2</sup> Pa.—[Clarke v. Western Assur. Co. of Toronto](#), 146 Pa. 561, 23 A. 248 (1892).

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4 Cal.—People v. Ford, 30 Cal. 3d 209, 178 Cal. Rptr. 196, 635 P.2d 1176 (1981).

Tex.—Buchanan v. Davis, 60 S.W.2d 192 (Tex. Comm'n App. 1933).

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